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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-17. Cancelled

18. (Currently amended) A method for treating cardiac disease of a heart, the method comprising:

accessing a diseased heart;

selecting a device sized to be placed on the a diseased heart, including selecting a device of electrical permeability sufficient to apply trans-chest defibrillation of the heart; and

placing the device on the heart, the device comprising biocompatible material configured to engage a surface of the heart to constrain circumferential expansion of the heart; and

passing an electrical current to and from the heart.

19-31. Cancelled

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising securing the device on the heart.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the device is secured on the heart with sutures.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising adjusting said device to snugly conform to the external geometry of the heart.

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35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said biomedical material is a substantially non-elastic material.
36. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said step of passing an electrical current to and from the heart is accomplished using electrical elements.
37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein said electrical elements are pacer leads.